Commissioner Jane E. Henney Parklawn Building, Rm. 14 - 71 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

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Dear Commissioner Henney,

As a health educator and member of Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI), I urge you to ban the routine use of antibiotics in animal feed. While this practice may promote growth in the animals, it has also created stains of bacteria that are now resistant to medically useful antibiotics. This could spell disaster as antibiotics become powerless in the face of virulent resistant infections in human beings. I nearly lost my brother-in-law several months ago after a post-surgical infection raged within his body and an arsenal of antibiotics failed to quell it.

It is with deep concern for the health of the nation that I ask you to please support the petition filed by CSPI.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

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